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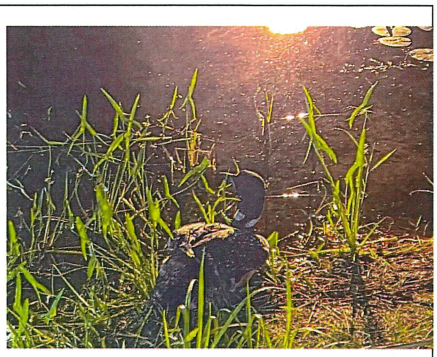
Saving our Feathered Friend



Kevin Pepper, our resident Loon Whisperer, discovered the injured Loon in the south end of Salerno Lake. Taking several images, he could see the Loon's wing and foot were tangle up in what appeared to be 'fishing' line. A few attempts were made to rescue the Loon during the day, however it would not let them get close. Kevin reached out to several of his resources in the US and within the same day one of them responded with a telephone call. They recommended a night rescue and walked him through the process. Kevin reached out on the Salerno Facebook page for help - within hours the Team was formed. Kevin was impressed with the lake community and how they wanted to help this injured Loon.

In the dark of night the Loon Watch Team launched two small boats in search of the injured Loon. It had secured itself in the south end of the lake, in a very protected bay - very hard to reach by water. After 40 minutes, the Loon was located on the shore. We learned Loons will beach themselves when injured. Like surgeons, the Team began to remove the 'fishing' line. They discovered a 4" lure up under the wing. Carefully with delicate hands and tools the lure was removed.

Once the remainder of the net was removed, the blanket was lifted and the Loon made its way to the water. It began to swim and dive, and at one point - actually went up with extended wings. Kevin believes the Loon will make a full recovery, there didn't seem to be any apparent wing damage.

A huge thanks to the Loon Watch Team. Douglas A. Rodger, Larry Wren, Kim Stuart, Robert Landry, Kenneth Clark, Marnie McMann and Robert Stuart. This incredible Team worked so well together, with the result being a Loon in distress was saved. Thanks also for the shore line support crew - Chris Gillespie and Tom Clarke. As well a special thank you goes to Kevin's resources in the US, great back field support to provide detailed information on the rescue.

It is everyone's responsibility to protect our Loons,
and provide a safe environment for them to live.

Thank you to Kevin Pepper for submitting the article and for the photography on pg 1 & 6.

We recently had a call from someone offering his family collection - to put it on display to share with all our guests. We would love to add your family member too. If you have photo(s) of those that served in any military/navy please consider sharing with us for our weeklong display in November.

If you have someone that served, please call Carol 705-457-8438, see George Simmons or email historical @IrondaleOntario to find out more information.

Since the last issue -

We have had to say Good-bye to

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Donna Schrader,
Aug 10, 2023
wife of Grenville
(2017)
great supporters of
local Snowdon Twp
history

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Linda Middleton
Sept 11, 2023
of Harcourt
Linda designed the
Bark Lake Cultural Development logo

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Gloria Leone Proud
(Lancaster)
Sept 14, 2023
Richard (Bert) Proud
Nov 2022

long time Salerno Lake cottagers
parents of Brett Proud,
mother in law of Jacqueline Proud

Play Canoe Radio Bingo

Pat shares the Answers to Trivia

small, very little; Patrick Marleau; John Goodman; on a wall; Halsey; Stinkpot turtle; flying squirrels; Vancouver; Malta; Halley's Comet; duck tape; Peter Jackson

Canada has two currencies.

What? This headline caught my eye. Some days I can be preoccupied so I wondered if they had brought something out that I wasn't aware of. The article went on to say "There is our official currency, and then there is Canadian Tire Money." I had to then continue reading — what is the history behind Canadian Tire Money. I remember as a youngster, thinking I was pretty rich with the paper money I collected from dad's purchases. As an adult, I found it very frustrating to be standing in the check out line behind someone paying with a bag of Canadian Tire money.

So back to the history -

The story of Canadian Tire money goes back to 1958, when a Canadian Tire gas bar at Yonge and Davenport in Toronto introduced the money as a form of coupon; a good alternative to the giveaways that many gas companies offered at that time. The coupons initially allowed Canadian Tire to undercut competing oil companies without advertising lower prices and at the same time boost traffic in its stores, according to Daniel Stoffman, author of *Living the Canadian Dream: How Canadian Tire Became Canada's Store*.

Canada's oldest loyalty program.

The first denominations issued was 10 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and one dollar; only available at the gas bars. 1962 other denominations were introduced unsuccessfully.

The program was so successful that in 1961, it was expanded to Eastern Canada retail stores only, Canadian Tire Money didn't go nationwide until 1995.

The paper money featured "Sandy McTire" a thrifty Scottish man.

How do you earn Canadian Tire Money?

Easy answer - shop at Canadian Tire. The money is earned based on the pre-tax amount of the purchase. Initially, the rate earned was five per cent, currently it is about .4 per cent. People saved their CT money for big purchases—even if they needed a suitcase to carry it all into the store. We've all been there right?

No suitcases are needed now to carry your CT money around. Canadian Tire went digital with the introduction of Canadian Tire Money Advantage in 2012 and 2018 rebranded to Triangle His Rewards. Now the cashier scans your little plastic red Triangle Rewards card—depositing the percentage of your purchases to your record. Be sure you offer your CT card and not the other red points card (Tim Horton's)

Is collecting Canadian Tire money profitable?

It could be. A 50-cent note issued in 1958 is now worth $1,500, and a $2-note that was issued in 1989 was sold at auction for $3,000!

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Who are We? Why are we here?

Irondale's history has been saved in people's closets for generations. Since 2008 Irondale has been actively collecting stories, photos & artifacts. Bark Lake Cultural Developments was formed in May 2012, to facilitate the purchase of the heritage building known as the Irondale Church and has evolved into preserving to share the history. An Architectural Conservator's report was done on the church, it indicated various reasons why this building should be saved. The Township of Minden Hills passed a by-law giving the building a heritage designation.

Bark Lake Cultural Developments (B.L.C.D.) is a volunteer driven organization. Canada Revenue Agency has granted B.L.C.D. charitable status.

Our mission – to bring together those people interested in the heritage of the Irondale area.

Our aims & objectives –
- to restore, develop and preserve the Irondale Church and Parish hall heritage building, with a view to educate the public and commemorate the site.
- to educate and increase the public's appreciation of the Aboriginal culture and settlement history of the Irondale and Bark Lake region by organizing workshops and seminars;
- by creating interpretive signage and publications, and by operating a community museum.
- to create and maintain a community and memorial garden for the benefit of the community.
- to advance religion by maintaining a facility to be used for religious ecumenical services.

We publish a bi-monthly newsletter. The newsletters contain historical information, upcoming events, synopsis of past events, along with some quotes & things to tickle the funny bone. We mail and email to over 500 households collectively. I encourage you to have your neighbours and friends add their name to our mailing lists.

Please consider participating in any one (or more) of our events. The calendar on the back page will keep you up to date. Newsletter editor is always looking for article submissions, poetry, recipes, photos and advertisers.

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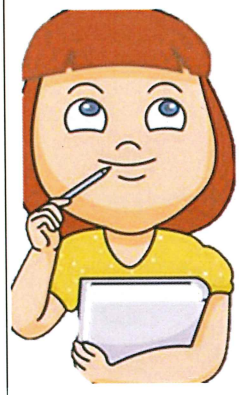

Susie's Musings ...

It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare, it is because we do not dare that they are difficult"

Be crazy, be silly, be weird, be whatever, because life is too short, to be anything but happy.

There was a moment when I realized I am no longer the same person. Life has changed and the me before slowly faded in the fabrics of the years. If I looked closely, the scars are there, but they no longer cause pain , now they are simply part of my story. Instead of being something I ran from, they became something that created the strength in who I am now.

I may not be perfect, but at least I'm not fake.

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Cooking Up Community Prosperity: A Recipe for Shared Ownership in Haliburton County

Submitted by Matt Russell from Lumberjack's Diner, Gooderham

As a restaurant owner in Haliburton County, I have had the privilege of serving up delicious dishes made from local ingredients. But I've also seen some untapped potential right in our own backyard. Today, I want to share an idea that could not only strengthen our community but also put a sense of ownership and accomplishment back into our neighbors' lives.

According to a recent article in the Highlander, Haliburton County is the second poorest county in Ontario. While many of our friends and neighbors here have resources like eggs, due to stringent inspection processes for things like egg cleaning, they are prevented from selling their goods to local restaurants, like mine. The red tape is just too much to expect an individual to handle.

Here is where the inspiration comes in. What if our local restaurants, from Kinmount to Harcourt and everywhere in between, banded together to form a cooperative? Picture a community-driven model similar to Spain's Mondragon Corporation, where ownership is shared among the farmers and individuals in our region. Mondragon Corporation, for those who may not be familiar, is one of the largest and most successful worker cooperatives in the world. It operates on the principle of worker ownership and democratic management, where employees have a say in decision-making and collectively own and control the company. This cooperative model has been influential and has inspired similar initiatives around the world.

Back to our local vision: this cooperative could make it easier for our neighbors to supply their goods – of all kinds! – to our establishments. More than just a business transaction, this would create a sense of ownership in the very businesses that operate right here in Haliburton County. That sense of ownership can do wonders for self-esteem and personal achievement. But the potential benefits go beyond sourcing eggs and produce locally. Our cooperative could pave the way for broader networking and cooperation, just like Mondragon.

Imagine restaurants sharing resources, equipment, and knowledge, all working together to lift each other up. Economic growth through collective effort – that's the magic we can bring to our community. By joining forces, we are not just putting delicious meals on our tables; we are putting a sense of pride and purpose into our community. It's a recipe for shared prosperity and a brighter future for all of us in Haliburton County.

So, from my kitchen to your homes and businesses, I invite you to consider this flavorful idea. Let's cook up something special, not just in our kitchens but in our entire community. Together, we can create a recipe for success that leaves no one behind. Let's make Haliburton County a place where shared ownership, inspired by the Mondragon model, is the secret ingredient to our thriving future!

Want to talk about this? Contact me at 705-306-9795

We encourage you to visit us November 4 to 12 for the 2023 installment of Service, Courage & Sacrifice.
Additional flags will be flying, New display pieces.
Bring your family & friends. No admission charged.

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Harvest Festival

Submitted by Linda Code

We had a successful Harvest Festival on Saturday September 23 at the Irondale church property.

The weather was awesome . We had 9 vendors selling their wares while they enjoyed meeting those who attended.

George Simmons led the Iron Mine Hike, a part of the county wide Hike Haliburton event. He passed on lots of facts & stories to members of the public about local history and took some of the hikers to the BIG pine as well.

Our BBQ was enjoyed by many including fresh corn on the cob. Of course the bake table was the most popular spot. Some of our residents rushed in at opening time to get the Strawberry Rhubarb pie before their neighbour.

Fabulous bakers supplied our Bake Sale table, always a busy spot. Photo by Erin Templeton

Dave, a local musician kept us entertained, playing his clarinet and saxaphone.

We were also entertained by the chickens ... watching a half dozen of them carve their own Halloween pumpkin.

We are so appreciative of the support the public has shown us.

Events like these bring the community together and help to celebrate the season.

We will be holding our annual 'SPRING FLING " June '24. Hope to see you the. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Bottom four photos taken by Tim Yano, one of Irondale's residents. He works as a freelance photographer for the Haliburton County Echo and Minden Times newspapers.

YOUR EDITOR ...

wants to send out a big

THANK YOU

to all those that submit photos and articles.

"Its nice to read something I haven't written."

Susie's Musings continued from page 3 ...

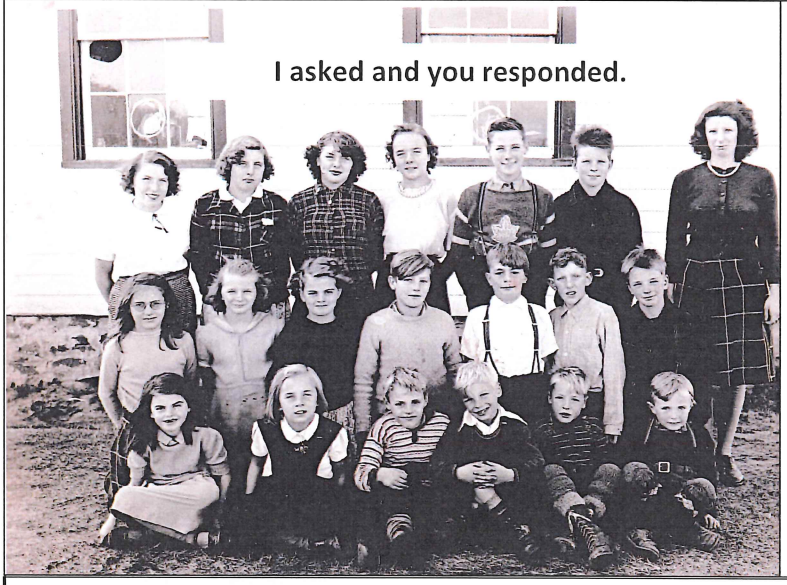
Write down everything you have made it through in life. Then read and refresh yourself when you don't think you can make it any further.

When you finally learn that a person's behaviour has more to do with their internal struggle than you, you learn grace.

May you twinkle like the stars, shine like the moon, give warmth like the sea, sway like the trees, flow like the water, travel like the wind and glow with passion like a flame.

Thanks Sue for your submissions. Always thought provoking.

I asked and you responded.



This photo was featured in the August/September issue,

From Left to Right.

Back Row: Betty Graham, Gwen Graham, Margaret Dexter, Betty Simmons, Ivan Graham, Owen Mintz, and teacher Mrs. Agnew

Middle Row: Mary Graham, Della Mintz, Joyce Simmons, Ronnie Graham, Doug Simmons, Ranald Wright and Caro Mintz

Front Row: Dorothy Hancock, Helen Simmons, Merle Graham, Bobby Mintz, Philip Mintz and Tom Simmons

Many thanks to Dorothy Hancock Reid. She fired off a very quick email providing us with the names as well as the year .. 1948-1949

Pat's Trivia Questions—Test Your Brain Cells

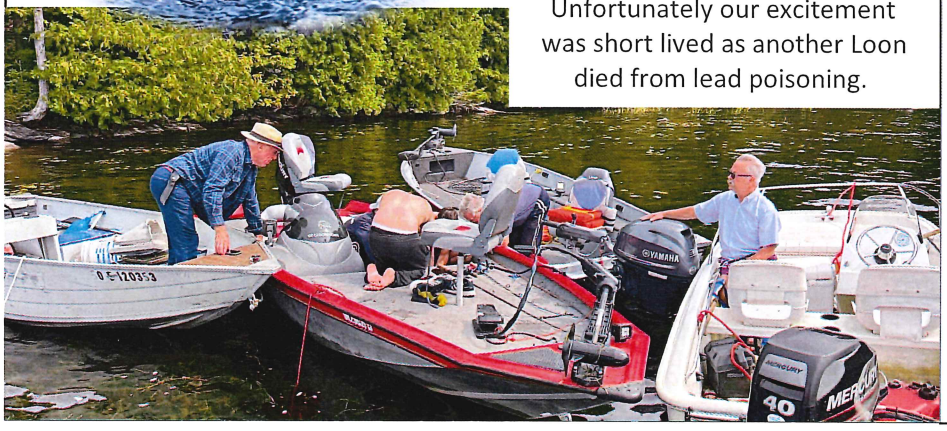
1. What does the British idiom 'wee' mean?
2. Who broke Gordie Howe's record for the most games played in the NHL?
3. Who voiced the monster Sulley in the 2001 movie 'Monsters, Inc.?
4. In the nursery rhyme, where did Humpty Dumpty sit?
5. Who is singer Ashly Nicolette Frangipane better known as?
6. What is the Eastern Musk Turtle called, because it can release a foul odour?
7. What animals can fly, or glide up to 150 metres between trees?
8. What Canadian city's nicknames include Rainy City and Lotusland?
9. What small island nation, south of Italy, has Valletta as its capital?
10. What celestial body was named after English astronomer, Edmond Halley?
11. What was the origina name for duct tape, because water fell right off it?
12. Who directed the blockbuster 'Lord of the Rings' series?

Answers found elsewhere in this newsletter.

A second recovery!

Saturday of Labour Day weekend—a second Loon was freed, after being tangled in fishing line. Thanks to the Giroux family, the Loon Watch Team & Kevin Pepper for alerting folks to pay attention.

Unfortunately our excitement was short lived as another Loon died from lead poisoning.



Dinner not necessarily as shown

Our traditional
Mid- November Dinner
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Saturday Nov 11, 2023

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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

These are tentative dates - depends on state of Covid pandemic and rental of community centres.

2023	Unless otherwise noted - Tickets available online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438
Sun. Oct 1	**World Communion Sunday 10am** The Irondale congregation joins many Christian churches across the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. Come as you are—enjoy some thoughtful text and refreshments afterward. *World Communion Sunday began at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1933*. **This is the last service for 2023**
Sat. Nov 11	**Themed Dinner** - Doors open at 5pm with dinner served at 5:30pm. **Irondale Community Centre** You won't go away hungry. $25 per person. Proceeds to Irondale's history.
Sat. Nov 4 to Sun. Nov 12	**"Service, Courage & Sacrifice -** 10am to 4pm each day - a display of flags of those brave individuals associated with Irondale, that served Canada in various aspects of war. Wander the grounds in remembrance, visit indoor displays of military memorabilia. New flags & displays from last year!
Sat. Feb 10	Celebrate Valentine's Day with us. We are in the planning stage.
Sun. Mar 17	St. Patty's Breakfast - Doors open at 9am. Breakfast served until 11am. $15 per person. Proceeds to Irondale's history. Breakfast menu available.
Sun. Apr 7	**Mother's Day Tea** We can't wait for May. We are celebrating Mother's everywhere today. Fancy sandwiches, homemade scones, delightful desserts. $25 per person
Sat. May 11	**Dinner** held at the Gooderham Community Centre. Doors open 5pm. Dinner at 6pm. Menu still be planned. Loonie auction after dessert. $20 pp
Sun. June 2	First Church Service of the season. 10am—come as you are. Refreshments and conversation served after the service.
Sat. Jun 8	Welcome Back! We are celebrating with our **Spring Fling**. 11am - 4pm We are honouring Father's Day — dads get something extra when family eats at our BBQ. Vendors, displays, tours—1019 Elm Rd - on the property of Irondale's historical church building. NO ADMISSION CHARGED.

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